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SUBJECT: VENEZUELA AND MEXICO SIGN SEVERAL AGREEMENTS

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1. VENEZUELAN FOREIGN MINISTER ARISTIDES CALVANI AND MEXICAN FONMIN EMILIO RABASA ON AUGUST 28 SIGNED A NUMBER OF BILATERAL AGREEMENTS IN THE AREAS OF CIVIL AVIATION, PETROLEUM, TRADE, MARITIME TRANSPORT, TECHNICAL COOPERATION, AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS.

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2. THE CIVIL AIR AGREEMENT PROVIDES FOR AN EXCHANGE

OF ROUTES BETWEEN MEXICO AND VENEZUELA. IT ALSO PROVIDES FOR THE NUMBER OF FLIGHTS ON EACH ROUTE, AND THE AUXILIARY SERVICES TO BE OFFERED AT MEXICAN AND VENEZUELAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORTS. DETAILS OF THE NEW AGREEMENT ARE NOT YET AVAILABLE.

3. THE PETROLEUM AGREEMENT CALLS FOR THE PURCHASE OF VENEZUELAN CRUDE BY PETROLEOS MEXICANOS (PEMEX - STATE OIL AGENCY), AND THE EVENTUAL SALE OF REFINED PRODUCTS BY PEMEX TO VENEZUELA. (COMMENT: THE EMBASSY EXPECTS THAT THE CRUDE PURCHASES, WHICH HAVE TAKEN PLACE RATHER EXTENSIVELY IN THE PAST WITHOUT BENEFIT OF A FORMAL AGREEMENT, WILL PROCEED, BUT THAT PEMEX EXPORT SALES OF REFINED WILL NOT TAKE PLACE FOR SOME TIME, GIVEN RAPIDLY INCREASING DOMESTIC DEMAND AND TIME FRAME FOR NEW MEXICAN REFINERY CAPACITY COMING ON STREAM.)

4. TRADE AGREEMENT CALLS FOR COOPERATION BETWEEN MEXICAN INSTITUTE FOR FOREIGN TRADE (IMCE) AND VENEZUELAN COUNTERPART (ICE) TO INCREASE COMMERCE BY REDUCING DELAYS CAUSED BY CUSTOMS, BY HOLDING MORE TRADE SHOWS IN THE RESPECTIVE COUNTRIES, AND BY REGULAR CONSULTATIONS ON TRADE PROBLEMS.

5. AGREEMENT ALSO SIGNED TO SET UP JOINT CONSULTATIONS ON QUESTIONS INVOLVING MARITIME TRANSPORT, WITH VIEW TOWARD REDUCING ADMINISTRATIVE PROBLEMS AND EXPEDITING SHIPPING BETWEEN MEXICO AND VENEZUELA.

6. TECHNICAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT DESIGNED TO INCREASE THE SCALE AND EFFECTIVENESS OF SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL INTERCHANGE BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES, FOR A POSSIBLE EXCHANGE OF TECHNICIANS AT A LATER DATE, AND TO SERVE BOTH VENEZUELA'S AND MEXICO'S GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT GOALS. CULTURAL AGREEMENT CREATES A VENEZUELAN-MEXICAN MIXED CULTURAL COMMISSION FOR SCHOLARSHIP AND OTHER CULTURAL EXCHANGES.

7. HIGH POINT OF CALVANI VISIT WAS MEETING WITH
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PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA AUGUST 28. MEETING WITH PRESIDENT APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN LARGELY OF PROTOCOL NATURE, ALTHOUGH VARIOUS AGREEMENTS DESCRIBED ABOVE REPORTEDLY WERE DISCUSSED.
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